Integration of potable water schemes

† 2228. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Central Government funded schemes for supply of potable water have been integrated;

(b) if so, the names of the schemes which have been amalgamated into a new scheme alongwith the name of the new scheme;

(c) whether any annual target has also been fixed for implementing the new scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of the target and by when it will be achieved completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), for rendering financial assistance and technical support to the State Governments to supplement their efforts for providing potable drinking water to the rural habitations is being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Drinking Water Supply. Specified proportions of the annual allocations made under ARWSP to the States are to be utilized for different purposes, namely, on community based rural water supply schemes like Swajaldhara and Sector Reform Projects, quality mitigation schemes, sustainability related projects, calamity relief etc. However, there has not been any amalgamation or integration of separate schemes in the rural drinking water sector.

The Provisional targets (2004-2005) fixed under the said programme are of covering; (a) 30423 Not Covered habitations; and (b) and 40061 Partially Covered habitations. It is proposed to cover all the Not Covered and Partially Covered habitations.It is proposed to cover all the Not Covered and Partially Covered rural habitations including the ones that have slipped back from fully covered to not covered/partially covered status, by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Assistance to Karnataka for irrigation projects

2229. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government propose to assist Karnataka Government for various ongoing irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount to be released therefor and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) 8 major & medium irrigation projects of Karnataka have been receiving Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 and an amount of Rs. 1,954.218 crore has been released upto March, 2004. The release of CLA to Karnataka under this programme during the current year is dependent upon the utilization of the CLA already released and the receipt of the proposals for the release of next instalment.

Water to Rajasthan from Ravi and Beas Rivers

t2230. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was entered into on 31st December, 1981 in the meeting of the then Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan for releasing 8.6 MAF water to Rajasthan from the water of Ravi and Beas rivers;

(b) whether Rajasthan has been deprived of its remaining share of 0.60 MAF water, so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the details of steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) An agreement was entered into by the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan in the presence of the then Prime Minister of India on 31.12.1981 re-allocating the mean supply of 17.17 MAF of surplus Ravi Beas waters. According to the Agreement, the re-allocated share of Rajasthan was 8.60 MAF.

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